

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COMPENSATE FUNDS PAID AS RA AND TV BROADCASTING LICENSE FEES

Skopje, 2 March 2021 – Based on the Decision of the Government under the fifth package of economic measures providing financial assistance to broadcasters in the amount of MKD 50,000,000.00, at yesterday's session, the Council of the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services decided to suspend all initiated procedures for revoking licenses due to failures to pay the annual radio and television broadcasting fees. At the same time, it was decided not to initiate new revoking procedures for non-payment of the 2021 license fees.

To all broadcasters, who have made full or partial payment of the radio or television broadcasting license fee for 2021, the Agency will refund the amounts by 13 March 2021 at the latest.

Broadcasters who have been issued invoices for the annual license fees, but have not paid them, as well as broadcasters who are yet to receive an invoice, have no obligation to pay because their obligation is fully met with the funds from the package of economic measures.

Additionally, the Agency informs the broadcasters that the **issued invoices for the annual television and radio broadcasting license fee** in 2021 shall serve only for their records and they will not be able to refund the value added tax, as they have been paid in full from the funds approved under the Decision of the Government of RNM.

Within 15 days from the completion of these activities, the Agency will submit a report to the Government of the RNM and the Public Revenue Office regarding the utilised funds from

the package of economic measures, while the remaining unused funds shall be returned to the budget of the Republic of North Macedonia.